

Minutes of the Final Meeting of the Board of Directors

Washington, D.C., May 5, 1990

David Bickers introduced the new officers and board members.

Irma Gigli, President, led discussion regarding the experimental program format for this year's meeting. Questionnaires had been distributed to all attendees and the results will be reviewed by the Committee on Scientific Programs and sent to all members of the Board. Suggestions for ranking abstracts and selecting speakers and topics were discussed, including the sentiment that the technique of grading and ranking abstracts resulted in an unintended imbalance in the type of papers presented at the plenary sessions. It was agreed to explore the possibility of mandating the use of a selection system that would insure more balanced plenary programs in the future.

Furthermore, it was decided to invite the chairman of the Committee on Scientific Programs to the December board meetings each year to discuss plans for the organization of the annual meeting.

Kenneth Kraemer, chairman, Committee on SID Education for Students, outlined the highly successful program for high school students.

Finally, David Bickers discussed plans for the 1993 Tricontinental Meeting in Japan and the Intersociety Planning Committee's efforts to develop funding strategies for that meeting.

There being no further business, President Gigli adjourned the meeting.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, First Executive Session

Washington, D.C., May 3, 1990

The First Executive Session of the annual meeting of the members convened on Thursday, May 3, 1990 in the Sheraton Ballroom of the Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C. at 9:00 A.M. The meeting was called to order by President Baden. A quorum was present.

President Baden called for a motion to approve the minutes of the 1989 annual meeting as published in the December issue of the *Journal*. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Bickers presented his report, including financial information and membership statistics. He also explained that the Board, acting in support of the recommendation of the Committee on Finance that all of the Society's activities be financially self-supporting, had approved a dues increase at its December meeting and requested a motion to increase dues of active members to \$135, effective in 1991, and to increase other categories of membership dues proportionately. The motion was made, sec-

onded, and approved.

David Norris presented the report of the Editor of *The Journal of Investigative Dermatology*.

Reports of the Society's standing and ad hoc committees were requested (see Board Meeting minutes). President Baden presented the slate of nominations for new officers and directors of the Society and requested a moment of silence for the members whose deaths had come to the notice of the Society during the previous year.

The president announced that the Board had voted to submit a by-laws amendment to the membership to form a standing committee of the Society to be known as the Committee on Government and Public Relations, thereby making a permanent commitment to continue the efforts of the ad hoc Committee on Research.

There being no further business, President Baden adjourned the session and then presented the 1990 Stephen Rothman Award to Walter Lever, M.D.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, Second Executive Session

Washington, D.C., May 4, 1990

The Second Executive Session of the members was called to order by President Baden at 5:30 P.M. on May 4, 1990. A quorum was present.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that nominations for new officers and directors be closed. By unanimous vote of those present, the following slate of individuals proposed by the Committee on

Nominations was elected to office: President-Elect, Ervin H. Epstein, Jr.; Vice President, Gerald D. Weinstein; Directors, Douglas R. Lowy and Bruce U. Wintroub; Resident/Fellow Director, Richard L. Gallo. The members then unanimously approved the election of new members whose applications had been approved by the Committee on Membership and the new honorary members pro-

posed by the Committee on Honorary Membership: Malcolm W. Greaves, George F. Odland, and Klaus Wolff. David Bickers announced the names of new members of the standing and ad hoc committees.

President Baden addressed the issue of increasing funding of government relations activities in lieu of funding the Society's research fellowship. Several members voiced their disapproval of discontinuing the fellowship. After presentations by representatives of the Dermatology Foundation, the American Academy of Dermatology, and several other members, a motion was made and seconded to continue to support the fellowship in 1991. The motion passed with a majority vote. There was also strong sentiment expressed that the Society should continue its present level of funding for political activities. Because of the Society's operating funds deficit situation, it was agreed that contributions to support the fellowship could be solicited from the membership on the notices sent to members for 1991 dues. This was approved.

President Baden thanked the retiring officers, directors and committee members for their service to the Society and welcomed the new officers and directors. Irma Gigli, new president, then

presented the traditional gavel to Howard Baden signifying completion of his term as president of the Society. The meeting was then adjourned.

AMENDMENT TO MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, APRIL 26, 1989

The following amendment to the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 26, 1989 was approved by the Board at its May 2, 1990 meeting:

The Academy has a new organizational structure to deal with some of those matters which relate specifically to dermatology. The Commission on Health Policy was formulated late last year with Irwin Freedberg as Chairman coordinating its two Councils; the Council on Research, chaired by Lowell Goldsmith, which has as one of its main goals the improvement of funding for dermatological research at the National Institutes of Health, and the Council on Dermatologic Practice, chaired by Larry Norton, which deals mainly with the socioeconomic issues of dermatologists.